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BIRTH.

On 2nd December, at Shanghai, the wife of F. A. de St. Croix, of a son.

DEATH.

On 3rd December, at Shanghai, ESTANIAN STANISLAV BOZELIO, aged 18 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 9TH, 1905.

Our reviewer to-day protests, with some reason, at an English clergymen's flippant and misleading reference to Taoism, the intellectual faith or philosophy of both China and Japan. The pseudo-Taoism of the masses deserves no doubt all the disrespectful things that may be said of it; but it is a far cry from the philosophic nobility of Lao-tzu to the superstitious follies of the so-called Taoist priests who may to-day be found in China. Besides, if the undoubted beauty of the "divine road" is to be slighted because of a few ignorant and illiterate guides, what may not be advanced against other cults? Less than a week ago in Shanghai there was delivered a Thanksgiving oration by Mr. T. R. JERNIGAN, a learned man professing the Rev. E. J. HARDY's own religion, in the course of which oration the following remarkable utterance occurred: "But the Saxon has always feared God and loved liberty. In darkest hours he turns directly to the Cross for light, and whenever his rights have been interfered with he has known how to defend them." Note the reference to the source of that light which advocates something quite un-Taoistic, teaching its devotees, when robbed of a coat, to give the thief the cloak also; and then the pugnacious ring of the concluding sentence. It would seem that modern pseudo-Christians not only decline to surrender the cloak as directed, but also cling illogically to another—the cloak of a

profession that does not fit their practice. The educated and intelligent Taoist is not handicapped with such demands for "humbug"; he has instead a guiding principle that fits everyday life. Taoism in its essential doctrine offers no such hard nuts to crack as the one illustrated in Mr. JERNIGAN's remark. We are told of the "durable influence upon the cultured Chinese mind" of "pure and unadulterated Taoism." "Throughout the ages, solemn quotations from the Taoist classic have ever been in the minds of statesmen at supreme moments." On page 5 of this issue there is an example in an interview extracted from an American paper, Mr. TAKAHIRA, the Japanese Minister at Washington, was being pressed to make a statement for publication, and we can imagine his inward chuckles at the neat way he managed to foil the interviewer. But he said something, the importance of which the interviewer probably did not realise. He said the Japanese would march on the path of progress, adopting whatever might be found to improve them. That was Taoism, or Shintoism, for there is little difference between the *shinto* of China and the *shinto* of Japan. Out of it comes *bushido* and the now-revived ideal of the "simple life." Lao-tzu knew that the great majority of human trials and difficulties are self-created; artificial, not natural; needing artificial remedies. What is the boasted civilisation of the West but a huge aggregation of artificial remedies? One of the chief themes of Lao-tzu is the vanity of petty human distinctions. Compare that with the prejudices of another cult which, according to a recent speech by the Bishop of Hongkong, are the chief obstacle to the desire for independence of the native Christian Church in China. "The multiplicity of European stations undoubtedly stands in the way," he says, of a Chinese episcopate. This obviously implies that the foreign clergy would object to work under a native bishop, racial prejudice being stronger than religious sympathy. It must not, by the way, be understood that Lao-tzu has the impossible "all men equal" idea. He recognises that men must, in this imperfect world, consist of both leaders and led, must be, as Professor PARKER puts it, "bamboos or anvils." It is the artificial distinctions he condemns, with a wisdom we would like to see percolating into another cult. Many of the intellectuals of to-day are Taoists without knowing it, so eminently sane and generally applicable is this cult which the Chinese are being pestered to exchange for another. Philosophically, the Taoist is on safer ground than the Rev. E. J. HARDY, for he is advised: "To know that you cannot know much is best, but to imagine you know the unknowable is disastrous." Our reviewer seems to have been justified in advising Mr. HARDY to let the "religions of China" alone. It is our regret that we cannot at present persuade some of his fraternity to a like abstention.

Urga, Kalgan, Hs, and Jehol are to be opened to international trade when the Urga-Kalgan railway is completed.

A pretty bluffer, with calendar for 1906, is issued by the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Coy. We have received a copy through the local agents, Messrs. Carlovitz & Co.

Part 30 of "A Diary of the Russo-Japanese War," published at the offices of the *Japan Chronicle*, is as interesting as its predecessors and has several fine illustrations.

King's Park Range is open to-day from 2 to 5 o'clock for practice shooting by the H.V.R.A. Governor's cup, spoon, and pool. Mr. J. E. Bligham presents a trophy for competition on Boxing Day.

A very fine new Indo-China steamer for the passenger trade between Shanghai and Tientsin, the *Kouming*, is on her way out; and two new passenger steamers are being built for the same company to run between Hongkong and Tientsin.

It is reported that the Anti-Gambling Petition got up in the Federated Malay States has fallen through, inasmuch as a certain locally known Chinese towkay has secured the monopoly of the Opium, Spirit and Gambling Farms of Porik for \$170,000 per month.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung and Chou Fu having memorialised the Throne on the necessity of maintaining the sovereignty and prestige of China in the negotiations with Japan, the attitude of the Chinese plenipotentiaries has become firmer, and the negotiations will be more protracted than was expected, says the *N.C. Daily News*, but already much progress had been made at the conference on the 29th ult.

The Russian cruiser *Bogatyr* arrived from Nagasaki yesterday. She saluted the port and fleet, the compliment being returned.

Yesterday morning, H.E. the Governor visited Queen's College and inspected the classes. From all accounts, His Excellency appeared satisfied with the methods adopted for imparting instruction to the youthful mind.

Books, magazines, etc., for the use of soldiers and their families returning home by the transport *Dunera*, will be gladly received by the Chaplain, Address, Room 3, Top Floor, Alexandra Buildings; or a post card will ensure their being sent for.

The average minimum of the thermometer at Shanghai in November was 45.51, the average maximum 67.70, and the mean 56.0, against 45.55, 65.10, and 54.82 respectively in November 1904. There were two rainy days in November this year against four in November 1904.

Two of the alleged Japanese demands which, according to a Chinese paper, have been raised by China are the appointment of a Japanese Viceroy for Linning and the timber monopoly in Manchuria. His Excellency the Governor, in opening the meeting, said—As, no doubt most of you are aware, a horticultural society existed here before. It was established on the 3rd February, 1873, and lasted exactly ten years, the last exhibition held under its auspices being on the 16th February, 1883. The society then seems to have died away, as institutions do in this colony with its ever-shifting community. The meeting being held to-day is with the object of reviving that horticultural society. If we cannot have continuity, the next best thing is to get a revival of old institutions. The principal object of the society is, as has been placed before you, to hold annual shows for the improvement of plants and vegetables grown in the Colony. There is another object to which I trust the society if formed will give its serious consideration, and that is to improve the gardening department.

Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd., have sent us a 24 pp. pamphlet entitled "The Cause and Meaning of the Japan-Russia War," by Clay MacCauley, A.M., Yokohama. As another writer with a name very like the author's one, every schoolboy ought to know what is written.

The *Japan Daily Mail* says that some 3,000 horses and cattle released by the Russians in the Saghalin are wandering over the country without shelter and cannot hope to survive this winter. The Japanese authorities are making strenuous efforts to save some of them, and it is hoped that about one-third of them will be preserved.

Volunteers taking part in the field manoeuvres with the Garrison in the New Territory on the 15th inst. will make an early start, the launch leaving Murray Pier at 7.30 a.m. Members are recommended to take light luncheon in their bivouacs as no refreshments will be provided. Another field day will take place at Chinese New Year, January 25th.

The concessions granted to French citizens to open gold mines at Kienninglu and Chawu in Fukien not having been acted on before the expiry of the stipulated period, says the *N.C. Daily News*, the Chinese authorities proposed to cancel them, but the French Minister has asked for an extension of from two to three years, the day being due to unavoidable circumstances.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will be accompanied by Lord Redesdale, K.C.V.O., O.C.B., Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Edward Seymour, G.C.B., O.M., Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas Keay, G.C.B., Colonel Arthur Davidson, C.V.O., C.B., Captain William Wyndham, King's Royal Rifles, Equerry to His Royal Highness, and Mr. Miles Lampson, of the Foreign Office, as secretary.

It is reported in the *Naungting* that, in addition to the one-cent copper coins now in current use, two copper coins of a higher denomination will shortly be minted by the Peking Mint, viz., a 50-cent. and a 100-cent piece. The new coins will resemble the knife-shaped coins of the Han Dynasty with antique characters and flat mill'd edges. This proposal having been sanctioned by H. E. Viceroy Yuan Shih-ka, it is expected that the work of minting the new coins will be started before the close of the present year.

The four-masted steamer *Marecarri*, which was ashore below the Kintao Beacon, was floated at midnight on Nov. 29. She steamed on towards Woo-ung, and after passing the Kintao Lightship at 1 a.m. on Nov. 30 the pilot gave orders to the officer of the watch to make a slight alteration in the course. There was some mistake or misunderstanding, unknown to the pilot, and at about four miles from the Lightship the *Marecarri* went on shore again at full speed, resisting all efforts to pull her off. Her net registered tonnage is 3,023 tons.

We are asked to publish the following:—On Sunday special missionary sermons will be preached in the Naval and Military Church, Wanchai. In the morning the preacher will be the Rev. S. G. Topp from Canton and in the evening Mr. Bone. On Monday a missionary tea will be provided at six o'clock, after which the annual meeting will be held. Mrs. Macdonald of Wuchow, Kwangsi, will tell the story of the medical work in Wuchow, and Mr. Topp will speak on Mission work in the Kwantung Province. Mr. G. E. Woodward has kindly consented to preside.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. A. G. Fitch, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:—

Grand March "Lorraine" Game
Scramble "Love in Idleness" March
Selection of Ballet Music in "William Tell" Rossini

Vals "Elton Boating Song" Kips
Polemance Cleopha
Descriptive "March of the Mountain Gnomes" Eilenberg

Selection from the Dances of Duntze" "Caryl
Caké Walk" "A Coon Band Contest" Pryor

DINNER—Hors D'Œuvres—Caviare in Eggs,
Soup—Mock Turtle, Fish—Stewed Fish, Entrees
—Pigeon Farci à la Parisienne, Lamb Cutlets à la
Nelson, Shrimp Patties, Curry—Mauras
Joint, & Roast Sirloin of Beef, Kora Capon
and Celery Sauce, Boiled Corned Leg of Pork and
Peach Pudding, Cold Game Pie and Mixed Salad,
Sweets—Vermicelli Pudding, Pineapple Ice Cream
and Finger Cakes, Teacake Tart, Tippy Cake, Coffee
Dessert—Fruit.

The M.M. str. *Ernest Simon* with the next
French mail left Saigon yesterday at 11 p.m.
for this port.

The O.S.S. & C.M. str. *Siemor* left Singapore
at 5 p.m. on the 7th inst. and is due here on
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TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

LONDON, 8th December.
The situation in Russia is worse than ever.

General Sakharov, the War Minister, has been assassinated.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ACCIDENT AT CHARING CROSS STATION.

LONDON, 6th December.

A portion of the roof of Charing Cross railway station collapsed yesterday, the girder falling on trains, smashing carriages, and demolishing the roof of the Avenue Theatre. Several persons were killed, and thirty injured.

OPENING OF UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

LONDON, 6th December.

At the opening of the United States Congress, President Roosevelt in his message says that the enormous power of trusts must be supervised, the Constitution being amended if necessary. Though rigid economy is necessary, it would be a national crime to cut down the navy, or delay the work on the Panama Canal. The main cause of the boycott in China had been the resentment of the Chinese students and merchants at the harshness of the American law towards the educated Chinamen, these classes should be encouraged to come to America and be treated on exactly the same footing as other foreigners of a similar class, only Chinese labour being excluded. President Roosevelt cordially sympathised with Japan's announced purpose to stand for the integrity of China, as such an attitude tended towards the peace of the world.

BRITISH NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

LONDON, 6th December.

The Channel, Atlantic, and Mediterranean fleets, with three squadrons of armoured cruisers, will assemble at Lagos (Portugal) in the middle of February for combined exercises.

[POLITICAL.]

LONDON, 6th December.

The report of the interview between Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and the Duke of Devonshire is not true; it appears to have arisen from a case of mistaken identity.

ADMIRAL SIR JOHN FISHER.

LONDON, 6th December.

Admiral Sir John Fisher has been promoted to Admiral of the fleet.

UNITED SERVICE LODGE INSTALLATION.

The Masonic Hall was again prettily decorated last night when the officers of the United Service Lodge for the ensuing year were installed as follows:—Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. J. Gimblett; Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. H. G. Baker; Senior Warden, Bro. H. G. Garrol; Jun. Warden, Bro. C. L. Lewis; Treasurer, Bro. H. E. A. Hole; Secretary, Bro. W. Kent; Chaplain, Bro. H. Williams; Organist, Bro. J. Roberts; Senior Deacon, Bro. J. T. Longstaff; Jun. Deacon, Bro. J. N. Jones; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. J. J. Bullin; A. D. C., Bro. S. T. Beauchamp; Inner Guard, Bro. F. W. G. Angle; Stewards, Bros. W. B. Withers and C. W. Ward; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone.

The following musical programme was received with hearty approbation after dinner:—Bro. Newbatt, pianoforte solo; song "Old Kentucky Home"; Bro. S. B. Wilde; song "Let go Eliza"; Bro. W. Cooper; song "Deathless Army"; Bro. A. Watson; song "There's a girl wanted there"; Bro. E. Davy; recitation, "The Lifeboat"; Bro. J. Offen; song "Two is jolly fine company"; Bro. T. Underhill; song, Bro. J. Oxberry; song "Sleeping in the old Back Yard"; Wor. Bro. H. W. Wolfe; song "My Daddy's a gentleman"; Mr. T. Bayley; song "When Britain really ruled the Waves"; Wor. Bro. D. Bowes; song "Down at the old Bull and Bush"; J. W. Munro; song "The Reef Bell"; Bro. A. T. Beauchamp; pianoforte solo, Bro. Newbatt; song "Genoëve"; Bro. E. Thwaites; song "Old Kentucky"; Bro. E. Davy; song "The Tair's Farswell"; Bro. E. C. L. Lewis; song "Our Tyke"; Bro. T. Bayley; song "Dream of Paradise"; Bro. A. Watson; song "Play that Melody again"; Bro. T. Underhill; song, Mr. J. Oxberry; song "Eliza-Johnson"; Bro. W. Cooper; song "Good bye Mignonette"; Bro. W. J. Munro; song "You needn't wink, I know"; Wor. Bro. H. W. Wolfe; song "Simple Simon"; Wor. Bro. D. Bowen; song "Barney take me home again"; Bro. A. T. Beauchamp.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 8th at 12.5 p.m. The barometer had fallen rapidly over E. Japan, and risen slightly over S. China.

The depression is moving Eastwards over E. Japan. Pressure is highest over Central China.

Gradients continue slight on the China coast, and moderate monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Moderate N. winds; fair, becoming cooler.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR HONGKONG.

Everyone is, of course, welcome and I hope that the society may eventually include ladies and gentlemen of all the different nationalities in Hongkong united in the one object of beautifying our own and each other's gardens, and improving the quality and quantity of their produce. The interest already exhibited in the movement was very encouraging. As they know their Excellencies the Governor and the General would allow their names to stand as patrons of the society and Sir Paul

HOW TO "DO" CHINA THOUGH IN HONGKONG.

John Chinaman at Home, by the Rev. E. J. HARDY, author of "How to be happy though Married". London. T. Fisher Unwin. Hongkong: Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. 4s.

The Rev. Mr. Hardy says he came to China with the hope of gaining distinction by not writing a book about it. This would have been witty if it had been true. It is very evident that the author lost no chance of noting the thousand and one little things of everyday that we "see but do not observe" here, that he was a diligent collector of scraps of knowledge, chiefly anecdotal and humorous, and that, in short, if he did actually mean to refrain from writing of what he saw, he soon changed his mind. We may as well say, before coming to the critical part of our work, that we are glad he did. His book is a bargain at four shillings, crammed with good things. But, we hope readers will not take all they find in it for gospel. The author has the habit, excusable in anyone not wearing his cloth, of humorous exaggeration, and even of fibbing to score a point.

The first chapter is about Hongkong, which he calls "a sort of cosmopolitan Clapham Junction". Every funny story that was told him at the Mess table (do army chaplains sit at Mess?) he seems to have jotted down at once, with the result that we meet some very old friends. He harps upon Hongkong's love of scandal, and gives the impression that a reputation is torn to shreds every time a tram climbs the Peak. He says: "If you live on the Peak your clothes rot, if you live below, you rot. True, some escape with their lives, but they will probably have lost first their teeth, then their hearing, and then their minds." That, we hope, is humorous exaggeration. "A lady observed a man reading Chinese characters on the front of a silver belt which she was wearing. 'You understand the language?' she said, 'so do tell me the literal meaning of these characters. I am told they stand for happiness.' With shy hesitation the Chinese scholar answered, 'They may mean that indirectly, but the literal translation of what is on the clasp of your belt is: 'Distended with food.'" That is a welcome meeting with an old friend. So is the statement that "hours, servants, and food cost about double what they did a dozen years ago." The happy style of the author is typified in the remark that "The Governor, the two Admirals, the General, and the Chief Justice lead society, and the Bishop blesses their doings as far as he conscientiously can." Then follows the stale talk of the social distinction between the Services and Commerce, the "dollar-lackers" and the "dollar-snatchers." There is, we are happy to say, a society that neither of those nick-named fits, and it is the snobs who have the keenest nose for snobbery. (Honestly, that was not meant for the author.) One of his humorous exaggerations is that "age and awkwardness at games are considered here unpardonable sins." The author took trips an occasion offered to Canton, Macao, Shang-hai, and even Tientsin and Peking, and the result is a collection of observations and travel's tales such as we all put into letters Home, only, ours, of course, are not so wittily written. It seems to us rather stupid to say of Shanghai that "it is the Paris of China and many young men are ruined by its attractions," or that it is a place distinguished by the vices of foreigners. Also, "Europeans pride themselves on stupidly ignoring old Shanghai, and think it is 'bad form' to visit it." We heard nothing about bad form, but much about bad smells. Except for those who "want to say I've seen it, you know," or those who are going to write a book, there is little to be gained by penetrating native Shanghai, native Amoy, or native Canton. We are glad to see that the author has found, and acknowledged, the usefulness of the *Hongkong Daily Press*. Every one of his closely printed 322 pages has its anecdotes of humorous remark, so that we could go on quoting indefinitely. If he doesn't happen to have a story rightly belonging to China, the author is never at a loss. He takes from his teeming repertory a suitable one belonging to some other place and makes it fit. Frequently it is professed by the formula "A friend of mine," which seems shockingly mendacious when we recognise the happening as having occurred to, or been told by, a friend of ours. Sometimes, when this formula is used, we think how true it is that history repeats itself, for the story is in the *Gesta Romanorum*. The Hongkong Police news of the last twelve months is even drawn upon for some illustrations. Mr. Hardy claims the story of the well-labelled cabin trunk (from which a too industrious servant scraped all the travel trophies in which the owner took pride) as happening to a friend of his. What in a layman is but a figure of speech seems from a person rank taradiddle. Also we would remonstrate on the rev. gentleman's objection to humour in others. He heard a Hongkong man speak of coolie labour as "rice-power," and says it seemed to him a brutal way of speaking of man made in the image of God. Hoity-toity, and humbug too, for he himself seems to be shocked at "the globe-trotters who can take snapshots of such scenes" (Chinese punishments) and he illustrates the very chapter with a grim photograph of three partially strangled men. ("Jail-birds in cages"—even a pun, you see.) He makes a remark which we

have tried to impress upon the faddists, and that is that "Eastern women do not desire the liberty that is attaining alarming proportions in the West" and that China is a hen-pecked country as it is. In elaborating the old theme of the topsy-turvydom of China, the author mentions the Oriental habit of smiling where we would look sorry or sad, but later he thinks Chinese have no nerves because a wounded Chinaman was smiling "as if it were a joke." If he means seriously that Chinese laughed when in trouble, then his wounded friend was not treating his mishap as a joke. This book is written for outsiders, so it ought to be understood that they should not take the "information" in grand serio. He illustrates the impudence of the Chinese thief with the mouldy chestnut about the man who stole the Police Court clock while the Court was in session; and Singapore is claiming that now. It is a mere he didn't work in the formula of "a friend of mine." He would have done better to keep off the Religions of China, unless prepared to study them. Could anything be more monstrously unjust than his summing up that "Taoism is their gambling interest in chess and luck"? He tells us that to make sure of reaching the regions of the blest, the Chinaman—every Chinaman—takes passage by all three of the religious routes—evidently under the impression that China has only Confucianism, Buddhism, and Taoism! And then this, which the poor missionaries at Liuchow discovered to be a ghastly mistake: "If a missionary is sure about the idols after the manner of Elijah and the writer of the 11th Psalm, their worshippers are not offended, but rather pleased because they do not love the idols but only fear them." In the inevitable chapter on missionaries he refers to the "ignorant abuse" of these people, although he himself was in no better position to champion them than are some of those who criticise them. He does not appear to have thought it out both ways to admit that "we were missionaries cockroaches they could not have been more scorned than they were on board the ship" that brought him to Hongkong. Even the captain, who seemed a "good and sensible man," became mad when he spoke of them. And Mr. Hardy goes on to admit that some missionaries are "idiots" others "untrained Americans" (of course all the bad ones are either foreigners or Catholics), that females "specimens" are often "anemic, unhealthy, partially deformed." In the course of this chapter, which is really more a gain than for, he can think of only two excuses for their presence—their advantage as commercial advance agents (men of commerce seem strangely ungrateful) and "the Lord's marching orders," which had reference to highways and byways in the disciples' own country. He says they modify prejudices: others say they augment them. "When urged to kill missionaries," he says, "Chinese mobs do so with regret," which irresistibly reminds us of Izank Watson's method of impaling a worm. After pleasing us by his previous reproof of those who want to transform Oriental women into European models, he now turns round and urges that the missionaries deserve credit for having done most to elevate the women! He tells us that "for untrained missionary girls to travel about, either alone or in charge of a male missionary, shocks at first Chinese notions of morality." He says that idea soon dies, but we doubt it. On page 36 we are actually asked to believe that whatever may be said of Roman Catholics (again in the cloven hoof), Protestant missionaries if killed, do not want any notice to be taken of it, no gunboats, etc.; as "they know that if St. Paul and the other first apostles had been protected by gunboats we would not be Christians now!" It is amusing to note his innocent joy in the progress being made. "They come over in families," he says, not thinking that conversions en masse must be of somewhat doubtful value. And "even the bad and irreligious lives of nominal Christians in the Far East cannot stop the progress of mission work," which is, we may add, the manufacture of nominal Christians. It is hard work. "Think for instance of the difficulty of explaining to an ancestor-worshipper such words as, 'If any man come to Me and hate not his father, he cannot be My disciple. For I am come to set man at variance against his father.' If they have actually been trying to explain that, we do not wonder there have been so many martyrs. That "missionaries are not such fools as they look" is not a comforting saying, we imagine, for his friends! One more quotation, and then perhaps enough. "A mandarin, after visiting a missionary known to me, questioned the missionary's house-boy about his master's habits, as though he were a wild beast. 'What does he eat? How is it cooked? When does he go out?' and so on." We can see or hear the giggles with which this is meant to be read; but is not this book an effort to answer identical questions (as if they were wild beasts) by a gentleman who boasts that "by going round shaking his own hands, Chinese fashion, and showing his gold filled teeth," he had the entire everywhere! He winds up by telling how the Chinese used to watch a regimental goat accompanying the Royal Welsh Regiment to church, and says that "with far less to go upon, a western globe-trotter would dub the 'Chinese goat-worshippers.' With more to go upon, he has succeeded in crowding a good deal of misinformation into this very readable, entertaining, brightly-written and well-illustrated book, which we should recommend more unreservedly if it had plainly printed on its outer cover the necessary words: 'Cum grano salis'."

The Lucius Scientific Diamond Company have created an undoubted demand for their specialty. Their diamonds are meeting with great favour in the eyes of the Chinese, and large orders are coming from outside the Colony.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

H. K. C. & C. C. KOWLOON 2ND ELEVEN.

The following will represent the "A" Team of the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club against Kowloon 2nd Eleven on C.S. Ground to day at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—N. Gast, H. Coombs E. Percy Adams, W. W. Cooper, F. T. Robins—Willis, G. Bedecek, A. Harlow, D. Gourlay, G. Hoggarth and J. Rowarth.

POLICE & ARMY STAFF.

The following have been chosen to play for the Police Cricket Club in their match against the Army Staff at Happy Valley this afternoon, starting at 2.15 p.m.:—Woodhouse, Langley, Kerr, Pitt, Kent, Edwards, Sheppard, Clyde, Waterer, Mackay and Fowler. Reserves:—Eurner, Foley and Parr.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER C. C. F. H. K. C. "A". The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A" against Craigengower this afternoon on the Cricket Ground at 2 p.m.:—F. C. Butcher, A. S. Cobden, W. J. Daniel, E. A. Fowler, T. C. Gray, J. Hooper, P. Jacks, Dr. F. H. Kew, A. O. Lang, A. R. Lowe and C. B. Pigott. Reserve:—Rev. H. R. Wells.

THE FOLLOWING WILL REPRESENT CRAIGENGOWER.

L. E. Lemmert (Capt.), M. E. Ager, A. O. Brown, E. R. Herton, R. Bass, R. Pestonji, E. S. Ford, L. A. Rose, E. Irving, R. B. Cooper and J. W. Stewart.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League table up to date:—

Club	Matches	Plyed	W.	L.	D.	Points
R. G. A.	5	4	1	0	0	12
Army Staff	3	3	0	0	0	9
Craigengower	6	2	3	1	2	12
Civil Service	4	2	2	0	0	6
H. K. C. C. "A"	1	1	1	0	0	4
Hongkong Police	4	1	2	1	1	5
Kowloon	1	0	0	0	0	3
Royal Engineers	0	0	3	1	0	1
			3 points a win.			
			1 point a draw.			

BASEBALL.

U.S.S. "RALEIGH" V. HONGKONG. The second game for the cup presented by Messrs. Gregor & Co. will be played to-day (Saturday) at Causeway Bay, commencing at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

The line up will be as follows:—

U.S.S. "RALEIGH".	HONGKONG.
Evans	McGrath
McNair	McHugh (Capt.)
Wort (Capt.)	2nd Base
Bennett	3rd Base
Fuchs	Short Stop
Green	Left Field
Slavin	Center Field
Rougan	Right Field

FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG CLUB & NAVALYARD.

These teams meet at the Happy Valley this afternoon, kick off 4.15, when the Club will be represented by F. C. Hall, goal; E. F. Autcott and W. Ironside, backs; A. Skim, H. C. Gray and A. Morley, half-backs; T. Clarke, R. Miller, W. E. Leckie, R. Whitemore and J. Mead, forwards.

TO-DAY'S REGATTA.

With favourable weather, the regatta which will take place at Aberdeen to-day promises to be a great success. Entries in the various events are good, there being three in the Tug Sculls, two for the Brown Challenge Cup for six oared gigs; two for the Junior Fours "B"; thirteen in the Men-of-war, Gigs and Whalers; two for the Challenge Cup for four oars; two for the Steward's Challenge Cup for Sculls; five for the Governor's Challenge Cup; four for the Men-of-war Cutters; three for the Junior Fours "A" four in the Officer's Gig and Whaler's race; and three in the Ladies' Prize for Pair Oars, the concluding event in the programme being a Dragon Boat race.

The flagship *San Cheung* will leave Wing Lok Street wharf for Aberdeen at 10 a.m., and will return after the last race. The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Dock and V.R.C. launches for members and friends will leave Blaik Pier at 10.30 a.m. The Dock Club launch will also leave again at 1.30 p.m., and will return after the last race. Throughout the day music will be disbursed by the band of the 2nd Battalion Royal West Kents.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

H. E. The General Officer Commanding has made the following comments on the Commandant's report on the annual camp of 1905. "This is a satisfactory report, for it shows progress all round and the attainment of greater proficiency. The good attendance is the outward and visible sign of the determination of all ranks to improve themselves."

The Commandant's report further stated that the actual average daily attendance in camp was better than in any previous year in spite of the fact that the period extended over 16 days instead of 10. The Commandant also reported that the discipline was excellent, and that there was a marked improvement in the drill. The gun-drills were carried out with far greater rapidity, and the Engineer Company carried out their duties in a very efficient manner, in addition to their very useful work in lighting the camp. The Officers of the Corps gave an excellent example to the men and their average attendance daily was 12 out of 13. It is hoped that this same average will be arrived at by all ranks at future camps.

In appealing for recruits Major Pritchard points out that H.E. the General Officer Commanding has expressed himself satisfied with the progress that has been made that the Corps is now provided with up-to-date field guns and machine guns and has the very latest army rifle and equipment, and it is doubtful if any corps in the world can be said to be provided with more up-to-date equipment.

It is interesting to note that the new Head-ship should be ready in June next at the latest and will consist of a large drill hall, a billiard room and reading room for the men, besides an officers' mess, sergeants' mess, offices, &c.

POLICE COURT.

CRIMINAL.

Friday, 8th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELDALE (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

HASTY HOTEL RUNNERS.

Sergeant Wills of the Water Police summons the coxswains of seven launches representing the Hongkong, King Edward, Kowloon and Carlton Hotels, and other boarding houses, for making fast to the steamer *Ruby* before she was properly moored.

Sergeant Wills, stated that the launches crowded up alongside the vessel's gangway before she was properly moored to her buoy.

All the defendant said the gangway was lowered when they went alongside, and the steamer properly moored.

Mr. Moir (Manager of the Park Hotel)—May I ask a question, your Worship?

His Worship—No, but you can suggest any questions to your man.

Mr. Moir—Were there any complaints from the captain of the *Ruby*?

Sergeant Wills—No.

Inspector Langley—The officers of this steamer have complained.

His Worship—If I inflict a penalty it will be very small, but I will instruct the defendants what they must do in future.

Mr. Moir—I think the defendants would not offend again if warned by the Police.

Inspector Langley—The Police would be satisfied if your Worship cautioned the defendants.

His Worship said that although the defendants were convicted he would not inflict a penalty. In future they were to wait until statements were properly moored before going alongside. He discharged them with a caution, but warned them that if they again appeared before him for a similar offence he would inflict a penalty.

ACTIVE BUT SORRY.

Three Chinese boarding house runners were charged with leaving the *s.s. Ruby* without the captain's permission.

Sergeant Wills informed his Worship that the defendants were climbing up the side of the vessel by means of ropes.

His Worship fined each of them \$50.

EXCESS PASSENGERS.

Captain Semblil of the *s.s. Borneo* was summoned for leaving port with passengers on board in excess of the number entered on his certificate of clearance.

P.C. 33 stated that the vessel's clearance was made out on 8th November, and she left on the following day with 60 passengers in excess of the number entered on the certificate.

His Worship said he had seen the Harbour Master, and learned that the Harbour Office was closed on the day of the vessel's departure, that day being a holiday. Under the circumstances he would discharge the defendant with caution.

Mr. Atkinson referred his cross-examination.

The evidence-in-chief of further witnesses was taken and the case remanded.

FALSIFIERS.

Messrs. Melchers and Co., the agents of the *s.s. Borneo*, were summoned for allowing the steamer to leave port without a proper clearance.

The summons was dismissed.

CHARGES AGAINST A BANKRUPT.

The case was continued in which Choy Liang Li was charged with unlawfully removing part of his property with intent to defraud, before the presentation of a bankruptcy petition against him; with committing to specify his property in Canton in his statement of affairs; and with selling part of his property after the presentation of a bankruptcy petition against him.

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Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Monday, the 11th inst., at 4 P.M. will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [18]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM LONDON, ETC.

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"GLEN TURRET," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at THIS BAY into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival.

No claims will be recognized if not presented within 14 days of the ship's arrival.

McGREGOR BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [278]

HONGKONG REGATTA.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Under the patronage of H.E. The GOVERNOR.

THE COMMITTEE request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies of Hongkong on the Flagship and Promenade at Aberdeen TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 9th December.

By kind permission of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, the Flagship will be moored alongside the Aberdeen Docks, where the lawn will be available as a promenade.

Tiffin at \$2 per head will be provided by the Occidental Hotel in the matchless on shore, where refreshments may also be obtained. Afternoon tea will be served on the lawn.

The flagship "SAN CHEUNG" will leave her wharf at Wing Lok Street for Aberdeen at 10 A.M. and return after the last race. Spectators may travel either way on the flagship. By courtesy of the Dock Company the "EDITH" will leave Blake Pier at 11.30 A.M. and 1.30 P.M. to convey visitors to the Regatta, returning after the last race.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. G. FITTON, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the Royal West Kent Regiment will perform during the Regatta.

The first race will be started at 11.30 A.M.

Tickets of admission to the flagship and enclosure at \$1 each may be obtained on the flagship; from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH; or from A. B. ROUSE, Esq., Hon. Treasurer Hongkong Regatta, or UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON LIMITED.

PROGRAMMES of the Regatta may be obtained at the "South China Morning Post" Bookstall, Blake Pier.

F. W. WARRE, Hon. Sec. Hongkong Regatta. Hongkong, 9th December, 1905. [279]

FOR SHANGHAI. Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TSINGTAU and CHEMULU.

THE Steamship "PROGRESS," Captain Fr. Brömer, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 12th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [278]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship "ISMAILA."

Captain Stebbing, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 15th inst., at 4 P.M.

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THE AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE

FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON, With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.

THE Steamship "COULSDON," Captain Henry, will be despatched for the above ports on about TUESDAY, the 2nd January.

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NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (Florio and Rubattino United Companies).

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "CAPRI," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claim will be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

CARLOWTH & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [14]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES to sell by Public Auction.

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HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers. Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [278]

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On MONDAY, the 11th December, 1905, at 1.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, No. 8, Des Voeux Road,

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Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 8th December, 1905. [278]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of December, 1905, at 3 P.M., on the Sites by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Eight Lots of Crown Land at Kau U Fong in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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THE PLANS OF JAPAN.

(FROM THE "WASHINGTON POST")

Mr. Kogoro Takahira, Japan's Minister at Washington, gave to *The Post* last evening a very interesting and instructive interview upon the future of his country. It is the first time since the negotiation of the treaty of Portsmouth, in which he played such a distinguished part, that he has discussed publicly this absorbing topic. The minister was reluctant at first to talk for publication, but finally assented when the character of the interview desired was outlined to him. The minister chose his words carefully, for he spoke of the reports concerning Japan's alleged designs with respect to the Philippine Islands, the "open door," and the burden of debt with which his country is loaded down on account of the war with Russia. He also alluded to the rumour that Japan was preparing the Chinese people for an uprising against further Occidental invasion of their territory and extension of influence through their land. In his interview Minister Takahira said:

"In answering your question as to what Japan will do after the restoration of peace, I think I can only say that we will resume the work of peace and civilization which has been neglected for the past two months on account of the war, but not much more than that. The treaty of Portsmouth has become operative only

time enough for my government to consider the details of the work they have in view to execute hereafter, and I have practically nothing to say about them, inasmuch as I am not informed thereof. I presume it would be better for you to wait a little while before you will be able to see what Japan will do actually. That is the safest and the sweetest way to get the news or views. If, however, you press me to say what I think about them, I can say I firmly believe that there will be no departure made hereafter from the line of policy hitherto pursued by the Japanese government.

"March on the path of progress and adopt whatever may be found to improve us," has been our national cry, which was the aim of the government and of the people more than thirty years ago, and has been followed up unceasingly ever since, and every effort has been used to modernize our institutions as far as we can do so with certain benefit. And since we did

realize the beneficial result from our endeavours in that direction, we wanted our neighbouring countries—Korea and China—to do the same because we thought in that way, and in that way alone, they can improve their condition and we can also enjoy with them as good neighbours the benefit of such improvement. We had, however, no intention whatever for territorial aggrandizement, which we always thought was entirely beyond our ability, although the turn of events since ten years ago forced us to take up arms twice for the sake of self-preservation, with the result too well known to you.

"The treaty of Portsmouth secured for Japan the paramount political, military, and other rights in Korea, the transfer of the coast of Port Arthur, and adjacent territory of the Liaotung Peninsula, etc. This will enlarge the sphere of our influence in that corner of Eastern Asia, and also will enhance our responsibility for the order and tranquillity of that part of the Asiatic continent. It will undoubtedly have the effect of facilitating our works of modernization, but we have no intention of a selfish nature. The 'open-door' policy proposed by the United States and really joined by Japan in July, 1900, will be scrupulously observed throughout the future, and the legitimate rights and interests of all nations will be duly respected wherever our influence will extend. All we desire for our neighbouring countries is the stability of the government and the tranquillity of the people, so that commerce and industry can be encouraged and developed with the perfect assurance of security. Japan wishes them to be peaceful and prosperous, because that is the most certain means by which her own peace and prosperity can be assured.

"I see sometimes in the newspapers complaints against Japan for having the ultra-motive against the American possession of the Philippine Islands, and also for educating the Chinese students in order to turn them ultimately against the Western nations. On the contrary, we feel great repose about the Philippines, because they are occupied by the United States with the firm hold of its authority over the archipelago—not speaking of many object lessons given there by the new owner by introducing modern improvements in various ways. The education of the Chinese students is also encouraged in Japan for the purpose of modernizing their people in order to enable them to look after their own affairs. The troubles in the Far East hitherto arisen are to be attributed, in my opinion, mainly to the want of the authority in these countries, but now the United States has the possession of the Philippines, Japan has certain rights over Korea, and if China can be helped hereafter to control her own people and her own matters by reorganizing and developing an administrative order in that empire, I hope the maintenance of peace in the Far East will not be so difficult; and if the United States, which has hitherto contributed so largely to their welfare, will continue to help them in some way compatible with its interest, which has been considered in Japan identical with her own, it will be welcomed in the Far East not only as their friend but also as their benefactor.

"You ask me about Japan's ability to meet her indebtedness, which was largely increased during the war. It is true that rather pessimistic views have been lately expressed in some quarters about our financial condition, but it appears they originated from the speech delivered by Count Okuma some weeks ago before the Congress of Associated Chambers of Commerce at Tokyo. I am not a financier myself, and I have, necessarily, to borrow the views of some competent person in discussing certain features of such matters. According to the financial agent of Japan now in London, whose statement appeared in some English paper, Count Okuma is said to have expressed his pessimistic views for the purpose of inducing his hearers to still further effort by using larger figures than are actually about our debts, the total amount of which is now in round numbers, \$360,000,000, instead of \$1,250,000,000 as estimated by the speaker, and the interest thereon about \$50,000,000, instead of \$75,000,000, thus making the per capita share of the national debt after the war about \$20 instead of \$25.

"No doubt the burden is very heavy, but if we consider the fact that the extraordinary special tax alone was raised since the war to this amount of \$75,000,000 per annum, without hampering the growth of commerce and industry, I feel sure that there is no cause for pessimism, and, moreover, a most satisfactory sign is the continued development of both internal and external trade. And when we also consider the great impetus that can now be given to our commerce in China and Korea with perfect security as a result of the treaty of Portsmouth, as well as the Anglo-Japanese agreement, we can confidently look forward to our prosperity in the future."

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report dated Hongkong, 8th December, 1905.—Although sterling exchange has ruled somewhat lower during the week under review it closes 3 down since the date of our last it has had no appreciable effect on rates, with the exception of banks, the weakness in which has been arrested. Generally speaking, however, the market shows no improvement and business continues as dull as ever.

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BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai found further sellers in the early part of the week at \$855 and a few shares changed hands at that rate. Later, however, a small demand at \$877, meeting with no response, the market closes fairly steady at \$880, but with a few shares on offer at that rate. Nationals unchanged and other without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Union have changed hands at the reduced rate of \$740, the market closing quiet at that rate. China Traders have been placed at \$90 and \$91, closing with a few small parcels offering at the latter rate. Cantons remain steady at \$930, but without business. North Chinas have declined in Shanghai to \$912. Yangtze remain unchanged and other without business.

FILE INSURANCES.—Hongkong have changed hands at \$830 and China remain at \$887 without finding buyers.

SHIPPING.—All stocks under this heading are neglected, and we have only to report small sales at Hongkong, Canton and Macao at \$25.

REFINERIES.—A sale of China Sugars is reported at \$212, the market closing quiet at that rate. Lanzo, after further small sales at \$205, close in demand at that rate, but with sellers at \$22.

MINING.—No change or business reported. Kowloon crushed 6,900 cwt. from 5,089

tons of ore crushed in the last four weeks.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have further reduced with sales at \$164, closing with sellers at \$164 and buyers at \$163. Kowloon Wharves continue in demand, and the rate has risen to \$105 with but very few small sales. Farmhams are quoted in Shanghai at \$13. 13.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands remain neglected with a small business at \$125. Kowloon Lands are still in a small request \$40, but none seem available. Hotels have found buyers at the improved rate of \$150 and close steady at that rate. Humphreys' have declined further to \$12 with sales.

COTTONS.—Evans have receded to \$16 in Shanghai. No other changes to report under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have been placed at \$92. Green Islands at \$28, \$28, \$28, and \$28, the last closing with buyers and the two previous stocks with sellers at quotations. China Light and Powers, Laundries and Powells all have sellers at quotations without any business to report.

C H U R C H S E R V I C E S .

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, West. 2nd Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning prayer 11 a.m.—Visits, Russell; Te Deum, Oakley; Benedic, Garrott; Hymns, B. 76, 23, and 50; Evening Prayer 6.30—Cantata, Croft; Dens, Goss; Hymns, 114, 63, 23, and 16.

The church launches Laysers, will call on ships carrying white crews, to bring friends ashore to receive services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 1.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 16.30, and 6), returning afterwards. The "Answering Pennant" is the call flag. "All the services are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c., provided. Sunday School, 10.45 a.m.

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ARRIVALS.

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CHITEN, Chinese str., from Canton.
PAASNA, British str., from Canton.
GLENLUCK, British str., 3/45, R. Webster, 8th Dec., Singapore 2nd Dec., General—Order.
HAITAN, British str., 1,182, Roach, 8th Dec., Coast Ports 5th December, General—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
HUCHOW, British str., 1,296, A. Somerville, 8th Dec., Swatow 13th October, General—Butterfield & Swire.
KWANGEE, Chinese str., 1,418, R. Lincoln, 8th December, Shanghai 3rd December, General—Chinese.
LAISANG, British str., 3,430, P. M. B. Lake, 8th Dec., Calcutta 18th Nov., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
TAMING, British str., 1,570, Outerbridge, 8th Dec., Manila 5th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
TENIUS, British str., 1,340, Williamson, 8th December—Saigon 3rd Dec., Mails and General—Chinese.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
Sub Despatched.

Chingha, British str., for Kobe.
Cenfield, British str., for Bombay.
Delfi Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.
Hirwind, British str., for Nagasaki.
Jenck Diederichs, German str., for Haiphong.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Tamming* reports: Light winds and fine weather throughout with smooth sea.

The British str. *Laisang* reports: Moderate winds and sea leaving Singapore, and afterwards, light winds and smooth sea.

The British str. *Tamming* reports: Fresh N. E. wind to cause paddling thence to port, light winds and fine weather smooth sea.

The British str. *Jenck* reports: Moderate heavy weather crossing Bay of Biscay, and thence passage eventful, called at Singapore, and Penang.

The British str. *Haitan* reports: Fresh to Anoy, light N. E. winds and fine weather, Anoy to Swatow calm and light N. W. winds, and dense fog, Swatow to Hongkong, light N. W. winds and dense fog.

The Chinese str. *Kwangee* reports: Light to moderate southwesterly and S. W. winds, hence to Haikow. Similar winds with thick fog, hence to port, light westerly winds and fog at times smooth sea throughout.

DEPARTURES.

8th December.

AMIGO, German str., for Haiphong.

CLARA JELLINE, German str., for Canton.

HONG MOH, British str., for Anoy.

HUE, French str., for Kwangchow.

KHALIF, British str., for Calcutta.

KWANGEE, Chinese str., for Canton.

OTTA, British str., for Kobe.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

8th December.

ABERDEEN DOCKS.—Andrie Rickmers, *Vers*.

FIJI DOCKS.—Kyoto, *Hilary*, *Heracles*, *H.M.S. Hardy*, *Eva*, *H.M.S. Virago*, *H.M.S. Whiting*, *Dragon*, *Germania*, *Paul Buon*.

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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	IOHANNES	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 16th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	TONKIN	Fren. str.	—		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 12th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	BERNOMOND	Brit. str.	—		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 23rd inst.
BERMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	PRINCE HEINRICH	Brit. str.	—		MELCHERS & CO.	On 20th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, FRENCH & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	H. Bremer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 22nd inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	AMBRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRISAGAVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
NIPPON	Aus. str.	—			SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 26th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	GLAUCUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 9th inst.
DEEMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	INDRANI	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 15th inst.
HAVRE, FRENCH & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	COULSON	Brit. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	About 2nd Jan.
HAVRE, FRENCH & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NUBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.		ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.	On 11th Jan.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 24th Jan.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	LYRA	Brit. str.	—		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 22nd inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.	1 m.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 1st Jan.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	MESSESSA	Am. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 19th inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	NICOMEDIA	Ger. str.	—		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Daylight.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	DATOKA	Brit. str.	—		PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 16th Jan.
VICTORIA (E.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	WILLESHAD	Ger. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	On 27th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA (E.C.) SEATTLE, &c., VIA JAPAN	CHIANG	Brit. str.	—		GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 27th inst.
SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN	CHIANG	Brit. str.	—		HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, UREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	PROGRESS	Brit. str.	—		P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 12th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	ERNEST SIMONS	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO	DELTA	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.	1 m.		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 12th inst., at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	DATI G MARU	Jap. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 12th inst., at 10 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	FRITHJOF	Ger. str.	—		SIMENSES & CO.	On 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	HAIKOW	Brit. str.	—		MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 18th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO	RUBI	Brit. str.	—		P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 23rd inst., at 10 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	TAMING	Brit. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at 10 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	KAI FONG	Brit. str.	—		OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	To-day.
SAN FRANCISCO	KUMSANG	Brit. str.	—		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO	ISMAILA	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	CAPET	Ital. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	TILATJAP	Brit. str.	—		CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO					KOOPS	About 13th inst.
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Christmas Cards (if prepaid at Printed Matter rates) must be posted either in an unfastened envelope or in a cover which can be easily removed for the purpose of examination without breaking any seal or tearing any paper or separating any adhering surfaces. Covers may be secured with string.

Cards in closed envelopes with *notched ends or corners cut* will be taxed as letters.

The *Ernest Simon*, with the French mail of the 10th November, leaves Saigon to-day, the 8th inst., at 11 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 12th inst., at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 7th October.

Mail for CANTON, SAMSHU, and WUCHOW are closed every weekday, at 7.30 a.m.

On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 8 a.m.

Mails for NAMAO, SANBIE, KONGMOK, KUMCHUK, SAMSHU, WUCHOW and CANTON are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.

*No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Heungshan	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Zamboanga, Jolo, (Sulu Island), Sandakan and Kudat	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Sorabaya	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Hothow and Bangkok	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Simpsonhafen, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Herkortshafen, Matapi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Nagasaki and Vladivostok	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Saturday	9th, 9.00 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN (late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents). Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.

Shanghai

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta

Manila

Shanghai

Swatow and Bangkok

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Singapore and Rangoon

Manila

Manila

TO-DAY.

The P. & A. str. *Argonia*, is expected to sail from Moji on the 7th inst., and will be due here on the afternoon of the 12th inst.

The str. *Montrose* left Singapore on the 2nd Dec., and is due here on the 9th Dec. at daylight.

The Indo-China str. *Laiang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 2nd Dec. at 6 a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Palmaea*, left Singapore for this port on the 5th Dec. at 7 a.m.

The J.C.J. Lijia str. *Titajap* left Moji via Swatow and Amoy for this port on the 27th Nov., and may be expected here on the 10th Dec.

The P.M. str. *Algoa* sailed from Tacoma on the 1st Nov. for this port carrying freight only, and is expected to arrive here on the 10th Dec.

The I.G.M. str. *Wilhelm* left Kobe via Moji on Monday at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on Monday next.

The P. & A. str. *Nizamia* left Astoria on the 14th Nov., and is due here on the 14th Dec.

The N.Y.K. chartered str. *Glenlee* left Bombay for this port on the 20th Nov., and is due here on the 15th Dec.

The C.N. str. *Chingti*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 25th Dec., p.m., and is due here on the 17th Dec.

The I.G.M. Australian str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Sydney on the 23rd Nov., and may be expected here on Sunday, the 17th Dec.

The str. *Satsuma* sailed from New York on the 5th June.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s str. *Lynx* arrived at Yokohama on the 2nd inst.

The G.N. str. *Minnetta*, is expected to sail from Shanghai at 6 p.m. on the 8th inst., for Hongkong.

The steamer *Gregory Apcow*, from Calcutta, left Singapore, yesterday afternoon and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The C.P.R. str. *Taritar* arrived at Kobe at 8 a.m. on the 6th inst., and left again at 8 p.m. same day for Yokohama where she is due to arrive at 1 a.m. to-day.

The H.A.L. str. *Ambria*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for our port 4th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. str. *Steator* left Singapore at 5 p.m. on the 7th inst. and is due here on the 13th inst.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Nov. 7th.—*Ajaz*, *Glenturret*, *Beaufort*, 10th—*Caledonia*, *Amelia*, *Rosario*, *Idemaru*, 14th—*Mario Bichieri*, *Palman*, *Peleus*, *Seneca*, *Prima Etela*, *Friedrich*, 17th—*Albenga*, *Ernest Simon*, *Stenior*, *Forstek*, *Krautberg*, *Vandalia*, 21st—*Satsuma*, *Beaufort*, *Sinai*, *Malacca*, *Hutong*, 24th—*Monmouthshire*, *Oceanus*, *Pera*, *Slavonia*, *Tenebrus*, *Hermiston*, 28th—*Aleis*, *Agamemnon*, *Diomed*, *Borniy*, *Greisian*, *Indramaya*, *Kanchoe*, *Japan*, *Sydney*, Dec. 1st—*Louther Castle*, *Pak Ling*, *Polymer*, *Purpuris*, *Borusia*, *Den of Hares*, *Princess Alice*, *Rasdara*, Dec. 5th—*Alton*, *Matapou*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Dec. 1st.—*Longson*, *Silesia* (Ger.), *Suevia*, *Zieten*. Dec. 5th.—*Bencleuch*, *Bengloe*.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived: For Kwangtung, from Shanghai, Miss S. Arnold.

For *Haitan*, from Coast Ports, Messrs. Noble, Gillin and Aultan.

For *Laiang*, from Calcutta, Mrs. Lenmon and son.

For *Hutong*, from Swanses, Mrs. and Miss Sonne and baby, Mrs. and Miss McMillen.

For *Tening*, from Manila, Mrs. H. Savoy, Mrs. Westcott and baby, Messrs. A. Trampol, F. Vanden Karp, C. H. Fitzgerald, J. E. Luttrell, C. F. Davis, C. H. Nelson, Coforino and Adinvala, Capt. Weiss and Wolf.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. *Ernest Simon* left Saigon yesterday, at 11 p.m. for this port.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Mongolian* will sail from Yohkohama on the 8th Dec., and is due here on the 19th Dec.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 27th Nov., p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The O.S.S. & C.M. str. *Idemaru* left Singapore on the 3rd Dec., a.m., and is due here on the 8th Dec.

The Ben Line str. *Banavon*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 2nd Dec. for this port.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 8th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Alhambra	\$20	\$10, buyers
Banks		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$80, sales & sel. London, 4/3
National B. of China	25	\$80, buyers
Bell's Asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	37.
China-Borneo Co.	12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	10	\$91, sellers
China Provident	10	\$91, sales
Cotton Mills		
Evo.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
Hongkong	7s. 6d.	7s. 6d.
International	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
Lao Kuang Mow	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
Soychoo	50	\$150.
Dairy Farm	50	\$15, sellers
Docks and Wharves		
Farnham, B. & Co.	1s. 6d.	1s. 6d.
H. & K. Wharf & G.	50	\$108, buyers
H. & W. Dock	50	\$108, buyers
New Army Dock	6d.	31/2.
S'nat & H. Wharf	100	\$100, sales
Fenwick & Co. Gov.	225	\$24.
G. Island Compt.	10	\$181, sellers
Hongkong & C. Gas.	10	\$176, buyers
Hongkong Electric	10	\$16, buyers
H. & N. New	10	\$144.
H. H. L. Tramways	100	\$15.
Hongkong Hotel	225	\$235.
Hongkong Ice Co.	10	\$152.
Hongkong K. Co.	10	\$18.
H. K. S. Waterboat	10	\$170.
Insurances		
Canton	250	\$330, sellers
China Fire	20	\$87.
China Traders	25	\$91, sellers
Hongkong Fire	50	\$130, sellers
North China	25	1s. 2d., sellers
Union	100	\$740.
Yangtze	50	\$170.
Land and Building		
Hongkong Landings	100	\$125, sales & sel.
Humphry's Estate	10	12, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	90	40, sales & buy.
Shanghai Land	50	1s. 12d.
West Coast Building	50	\$55, sellers
Mining		
Charbonnages	For 250	\$400.
Rauhi	18/10	\$34.
Philippines Co.	10	\$5.
Refineries		
China Sugar	100	\$212, sellers
Luzon Sugar	100	\$26, sellers
Steamship Companies		
China and Manilla	25	\$20, sellers
Douglas Steamship	50	\$35, buyers
H. & Carton & M.	15	25, sales
Indo-China S.N. Co.	10	\$94, sellers
Shell Transport Co.	21	26.
Do. Preference	21	18 10.
Star Ferry	10	\$32, buyers
Do. New	10	\$23, sellers
Shanghai H. & Dyeing	50	\$50.
South China M. Post	5	20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	5	\$74, sellers
Do.	5	\$61, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries		
Campbell, M. & Co.	10	\$36.
Powell & Co., Wm.	10	\$11, sellers
Watkins & Co., A. S.	10	\$61, sellers
United Asbestos	8	49.
Do. Founders	10	\$160.
VENON & SMYTH, Brokers.		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 9th to the 15th December.

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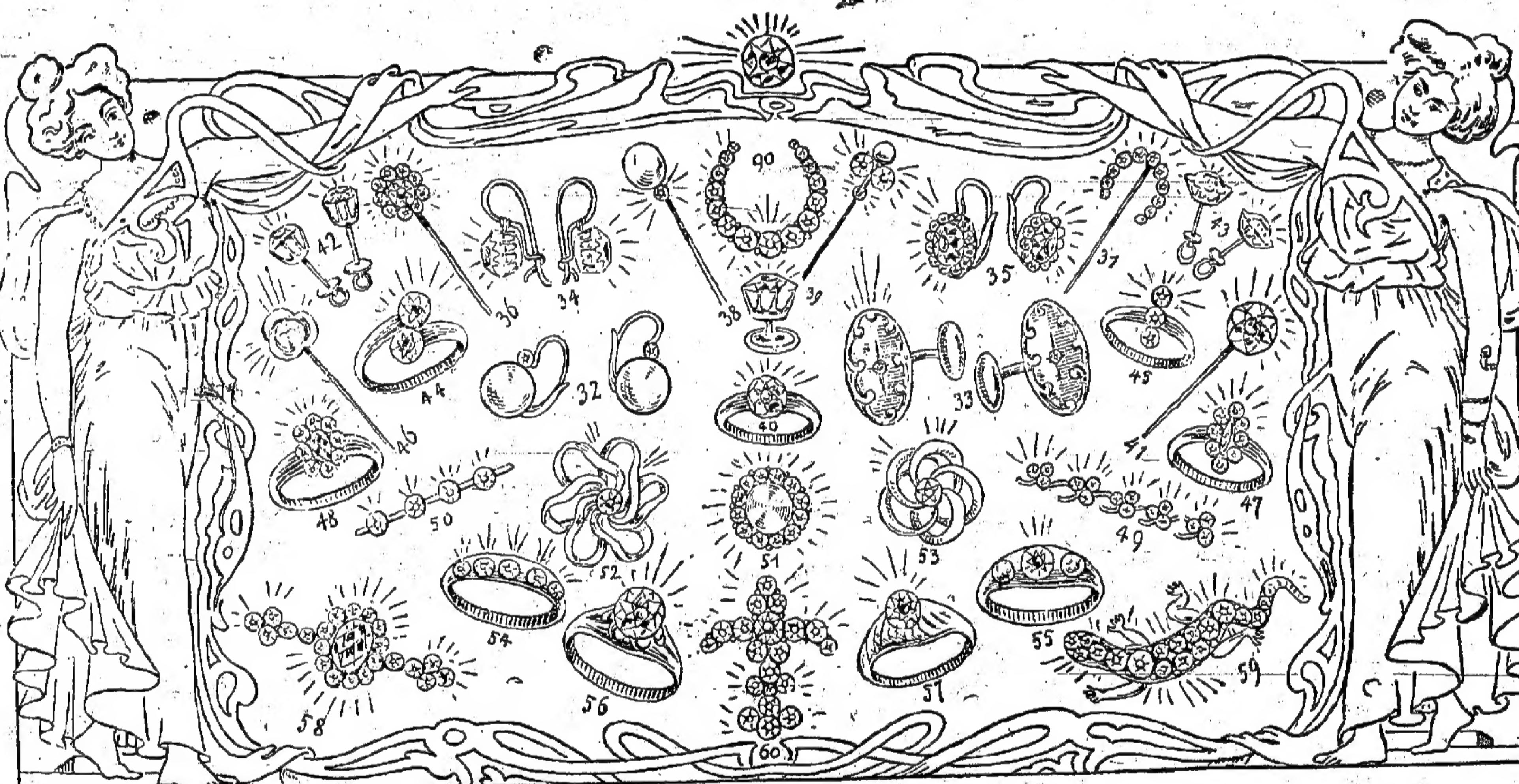
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